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LOCAL BANK ORDERS SIX COUNTY PER CENT DIVIDEND PAID AND SURPLUS INCREASED

Merchants Bank & Trust Company Orders Dividend Paid December 31—Banking House Renovated and Addition To Building In Course of Construction

Evidencing general improvement in business and banking conditions, the board of directors of the Merchants Bank & Trust Company of Bay St. Louis, has declared a six per cent dividend payable on December 31, to stockholders of record on December 15, 1935.

During the critical years from 1931 to 1934, the board of directors discontinued the payment of dividends, considering it the better policy to conserve its assets, strengthen its capital structure, and build up its surplus, which has been done. In addition to carrying out this policy, the institution has during the present year repaired and improved all its property, completely renovated its banking house, and constructed a fire-proof addition to its building, for use by the directors and its various committees. These facts and the payment of the cash dividend need no comment; this evidence of success speaks for itself.

Stockholders of the Merchants Bank will be more than pleased to receive such a splendid dividend at this time. It is very significant and speaks very well for the community as well.

MISS ZAIDEE HUNTER PASSES ON TO GREAT BEYOND TUESDAY P. M.

Descendant of Ante Bellum Aristocracy—Native of Natchez, Miss.

Death claimed a lovely and accomplished woman from our midst Tuesday, December 10, at 12:35 o'clock, when the sweet spirit of Miss Zaidée Hunter winged its way heavenward.

She was a daughter of the late C. J. Hunter and Ann Hunter, residents of Natchez, Miss., members of that ante-bellum type of charm and culture for which that city and environs are noted.

Miss Hunter resided with her sisters, Mrs. Charles A. Worsley and Miss Jennie Hunter, on North Beach Boulevard, where she "lived by the side of the road," rather see the world go by her door than to be of that passing through. She rather the quiet of seclusion than the haubles and glamour of the world; the serenity of the modest home.

In addition to the two sisters with whom she resided, she is also survived by another sister, Mrs. Edward J. Hale, residing out Carroll avenue, and other relatives.

Attended by many friends, the funeral took place Wednesday morning, 10 o'clock, from the late resi-

DEATH OF ROBERT BOUDIN, 14-LEARN-OLD LAD, SADDENS TOWN

Son of Peter J. Boudin And Elizabeth Dillman Boudin, Victim of Appendicitis

Last rites for Robert Boudin, native of Bay St. Louis, aged 14 years, son of Peter Joseph Boudin and his wife, Elizabeth Dillman Boudin, were held from the residence of the deceased's parents, Third street, Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The lad was conveyed to New Orleans earlier in the week, with a ruptured appendix and taken to the hospital, where he received all attention science makes possible. His condition was serious, and after two blood transfusions had failed it was evident he would not recover.

Remains were brought to Bay St. Louis during Friday night on Train 37. Funeral ceremony next day was largely attended, well attesting to the popularity of the youth and expressing sympathy for the parents. He was a pupil of St. Stanislaus Day School, a model pupil and where he was universally esteemed.

Rev. Leo F. Fahey of the church of Our Lady of the Gulf officiated at the ceremony; interment at St. Mary's cemetery. Beautiful and in abundance flowers marked the last resting place.

Robert Boudin was the youngest of the family of five children. In addition to his parents, he is survived by a brother, George Boudin, in the local employ of Maison Blanche; Mrs. Miriam Boudin Carbanette and Misses Julie and Ethel May Boudin, all of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Boudin have the sympathy of the community in this time of great sorrow that has cast a shadow over their home. They bear the burden of grief with christian fortitude. The Echo joins friends in extending condolence.

decease, Rev. Chas. S. Liles, of the Christ Episcopal Church, officiating. The remains were consigned to the keeping of the bosom of Mother Earth, Cedar Rest cemetery. The freshly-made mound was covered with many beautiful flowers, marking the resting place of one who had lived many years appreciating the glory of God's work and the beauty of nature; one who valued the friendship and warmth of the human heart and touch of the hand.

AGENT AT MEETING

J. A. Bozeman at County Agents' Training Meeting At Hattiesburg—Home Dem. Agt.'s Schedule

On Thursday December 5th, the County Agent attended a county agents' training meeting at Hattiesburg, Miss., at this meeting practically all the county agents in South Mississippi were present. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss farm planning for a permanent agricultural adjustment program which would dovetail into the present A. A. A. program which is without question and emergency program. The Extension Department proposes to map out a definite type of farming program for each different type of farming area in Mississippi. Mr. Vernon Pace, Extension marketing specialist, was the chairman of this program being assisted by a Mr. Stenson from the Washington office, Mr. C. O. Henderson, State College, Miss., Mr. J. Ed. Ruff, District Agent, Jackson, Miss., and Mrs. Emma Lindsey, District Home Agent, Jackson, Miss. More will be said about this farm planning program a little later.

Mr. Bozeman was called into a meeting on Tuesday of this week, by J. T. West, Rural Resettlement Supervisor for Hancock county to discuss with the other two county agents the farming plans for the Resettlement Clients in these counties.

Home Demonstration Agent's Schedule for Week

Monday, Dec. 9, 2 P. M.—Dedaux School.

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1 P. M.—Gulfport Resettlement Meeting.

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2 P. M.—Kiln, Mrs. Joe Roddie.

Thursday, Dec. 12, 2 P. M.—Logtown, Mrs. C. W. Fountain.

Friday, Dec. 13, 2 P. M.—Waveland, Mrs. H. K. Holderith.

Since the schools have closed for an indefinite period, the time that the Assistant Home Demonstration Agent is in this county will be devoted to women's Home Demonstration work.

The above is a tentative schedule for this week and plans have been made for demonstrations at the places mentioned. The mornings will be spent in the office, and if there are those who would like to have recipes for Christmas sweets, the Home Demonstration Agent, Jeanette Hunter will be glad to furnish you with same or get them for you.

President Stanislaus College Returns From Southern Convention

Numbering among sixty school executives from Mississippi attending, Bro. William, president of St. Stanislaus College, Bay St. Louis, returned Saturday from Louisville, Ky., where he attended a meeting of All-Southern Secondary Schools and Colleges, attended by approximately 800 heads of twelve Southern States. Others from the coast attending this important convention Dr. Richard G. Cox, Gulf Park College; Major J. E. Belka, Gulf Coast Military; Prof. George M. Ditto, superintendent Biloxi schools; Prof. A. L. Monroe, Moss Point; Prof. B. Frank Brown, Gulfport schools.

H. B. Heidelberg, superintendent C. Larksdale schools, was president and S. B. Hathorn, state high school supervisor for Mississippi, secretary, giving Mississippi two of the main offices of the association. Mississippi for three years has held first place in scholastic attainments in the association, but this year got fourth place with Kentucky getting first. Only three-fourths of one per cent separated first place from fourth, it was said.

A new constitution was adopted, giving secondary schools a better representation than formerly. There are 1202 secondary schools and 184 colleges in the association.

Merchants Bank Paid Christmas Savings For Thanksgiving Week-End

Christmas saving club members of the Merchants Bank were recipients of checks for 1935 Thanksgiving Week and truly there was much to be thankful for. Week by week club members by small amounts managed to accumulate sums of money, paid at one time in bulk.

Merchants Bank & Trust Company, according to advertisement elsewhere in this issue of The Echo, announces Xmas Savings Club for 1936 are now open. There are various classes of savings. Open the savings for '36 today.

KILN DEBATING TEAMS WIN CHAMPIONSHIP IN GULF COAST REGION MEET

With Biloxi Will Represent Coast In District Debate To Be Held In Hattiesburg Today—Miss Bertha Brown Goes to Purvis Vocational School

STRIKING TEACHERS TO WORK

Give Notice of Intention Of Resuming Work Monday Morning—Board Supervisors Plan To Borrow \$13,000.

'Striking' teachers of Hancock county have served notice to County Superintendent of Education A. S. McQueen of their intention to resume work Monday morning.

They decided to resume work Wednesday after a conference with members Board of Supervisors, when they were assured the board would borrow sufficient amount to meet their claims. Accordingly, Board of Supervisors have promulgated notice of a special meeting to be held Monday "for the purpose of borrowing \$13,000 for current expenses for the school funds of said county, for the year 1935-36 in anticipation of the taxes for the year 1935-36, and to issue a negotiable note of the county to secure said money so borrowed, the said note to be payable February 15, 1936."

This money will be supplemented, with some \$700 which the county will receive from a million-dollar teachers' relief fund appropriated by the State Legislature.

"We do not now how long the schools will remain open," Mr. McQueen said, "but the teachers have agreed to reopen the schools and resume work Monday."

The strike involved about fifty teachers in a score of schools, 35 bus drivers and approximately 2000 pupils, who were thrown out of classes when the teachers struck for back pay.

YOUTHFUL RESIDENT OF BAY ST. LOUIS HAS INTERESTING AND UNUSUAL COLLECTION THAT IS WORTH-WHILE AT HOME OF HIS PARENTS

Emile J. Gex, Jr., Evidences Constructive Interest—Eager to Study and Learn From Articles Collected—Has Stamp Collection, Too.

By W. D. ROBINSON.

EMILE J. Gex, Jr., son or Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Gex, Sr., of Bay St. Louis, has one of the best if not the best small private museums on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. While the lad, who is 13 years of age, has been encouraged by his parents, the museum is the result of his own efforts.

A room in the Gex residence has been set aside for Emile's use in the display of the numerous relics, curios and souvenirs that he has collected. All of them are artistically displayed.

Embraced in the collection are varied assortments of arms and weapons, including shotguns, muskets, rifles and pistols of many types, as well as sabers, swords, and bayonets. Some of them are very old and show the mark of time and much use in the past.

One of the rifles, a muzzle loader with a long barrel made of wrought iron and very heavy, is estimated to be at least 150 years old. Probably it was used by one of the pioneers of this country during the American revolutionary war more than a century and a half ago.

An interesting feature in the private museum is an exhibit of Indian relics. These consist of flint arrows, pottery, etc. They were collected by young Gex in the Gulf Coast area, most of them in Hancock county. Several Indian mounds are located in that county.

Resting on a table in the room in a glass case is a display of stuffed birds, artistically mounted by a taxidermist. Snake skins, some of them the hides of large reptiles, are stretched on the walls of the museum room. They came from different parts of the world.

Included in the collection of relics is a set of keys and leg irons from the old parish prison that stood near what then was known as Congo Square in New Orleans. The leg irons were used on unruly prisoners when it was necessary to subdue them. The keys were given to young Gex by the widow of a former criminal sheriff of Orleans parish. She died in Bay St. Louis a few years ago.

Young Gex is also an enthusiast on the subject of collecting stamps. His albums contain both domestic and foreign stamps. He has them all catalogued and arranged on pages showing the names of the countries that issued them. The collection is a valuable one.

Thomas A. Edison the famous inventor once said that every person should have worth while hobby. In deciding upon a museum young Gex certainly has hit upon something worth while. More of them are needed in this country to preserve historic relics.

In the final regional debating contest held in Gulfport Thursday, December 5, Kiln's teams became champions of Class B schools in the Coast Region. The affirmative team composed of Jean Davidson and Grace Garriga lost to Biloxi Hi School by a two to one decision. Kiln's negative, John Wolfe, and Arlington Adams, won over Lyman's team three to nothing, which makes twelve judge votes won by Kiln's Negative boys without the loss of a vote.

Kiln at Hattiesburg Today
The teams from Kiln and Biloxi, winning the highest number of judge votes will represent the Coast Region in the district debate to be held in Hattiesburg, Friday, December 13.

P. T. A. Activities
Before the closing of school, Kiln's P. T. A. held its regular meeting on Tuesday night. A Thanksgiving program was rendered by pupils of Misses Idahlia Stewart and Lillie Belle Sorrels.

The twelfth grade won the picnic for having the highest percentage of parents present.

In checking over the P. T. A. book shelf it was found that the reading program has been greatly increased.

Purchases Paid For By Benefit
The proceeds received October 1, from the Carnival given by the Girls' Athletic and Home Economics Clubs have been spent for the purchasing of a beautiful maroon and white wool basketball suits for the girls' team and materials for the Home Economics Department, consisting of a 72-piece silver set, 9 oil covered shades and a two-gallon ice-cream freezer.

People of Kiln's school regret the loss of Miss Bertha Brown, teacher of Home Economics. Since the closing of school here, Miss Brown has been very fortunate in securing a better position in the Purvis Vocational High School. After an inspection of the department by a member of the Home Economics department of State Teachers College, it was found that the department has improved greatly under the supervision of Miss Brown during the past two years.

STATE APPROPRIATION TO TEACHERS WILL YIELD PALTRY \$720 FOR COUNTY

Sum Allowed Under Per Capita Allocation—Amount Necessary to Pay and End Strike \$15,000 Another Allotment Later

COMMISSIONS FOR OFFICERS SENT TO CHANCERY CLERK

Each Officer-Elect for the County and County Dist. Office Can Secure Commission from Chancery Clerk

Walker Wood, Secretary of State has sent the Commissions for the chancery officers to the Chancery Clerks of the respective counties for distribution. Each officer-elect is requested to call at the office and secure his commission.

There are approximately 3,000 commissions sent out, and the names and counties are made up from the election returns, and it is easy to make a mistake in initials or spelling of a name. Should an error occur in any way in an officer's commission return it to the Secretary of State and he will cheerfully correct same.

BISHOP GEROW CONFERS MINOR ORDERS AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY

Ordains Two Seminarians to the Last Two Minor Orders Of Exorcist and Acolyte—Six to Clerical Tonsure—Confirms Aspirant to the Brotherhood.

AUTO TAG LICENSES DUE NOW

Failure To Pay Means Double Penalty January 1 — Collector Asks For Last Year's Receipts

Sheriff and Tax-Collector T. Ed Keller is respectfully and urgently asking owners of automobiles in Bay St. Louis and balance of Hancock county to kindly cooperate with his office force in the collecting of automobile licenses and tags inasmuch as this is the only and last month in which to pay this obligation to the county.

Double Penalty After Dec. 31
Public must not lose sight of the law which makes it obligatory to pay this month. After that, Mr. Keller says, the penalty will be double of the original amount due.

Besides, he states the office force, even though augmented cannot for lack of time in a rush serve the public. He also asks all automobile owners to bring last year's receipt. This is imperative as it not only gives necessary and correct data but will save time. Both are important factors.

F. J. Bopp Writing Receipts
Francis J. Bopp, of Bay St. Louis, certified public accountant, appointed chief deputy to Sheriff Claud Monti, who will assume office, Wednesday, January 1, is writing the thousands of receipts for ad valorem and other taxes now due.

Mr. Bopp is asking all tax-payers who come to pay to bring last year's receipts. In this wise he will be able to procure a complete listing of tax-owners property, improved and otherwise. This will assist him appreciably, besides it will insure against failure to pay all taxes and preclude the possibility of a taxpayer becoming delinquent on and after February 1, 1936.

Out of consideration of the fact Mr. Bopp is new in the office, even though he is a highly efficient worker, no one will be unwilling to bring last year's receipt.

County tax rolls of assessable property are by no means small. On the contrary, extensive and cover both a wide and various range.

Paying taxes early and producing last year's receipts will facilitate matters considerably and prove of mutual convenience and general advantage.

State department during the early part of the week prepared checks, to mail out aggregating \$250,000 to Mississippi school teachers, the first allotment of a million dollar appropriation voted by the state legislature last week.

The \$250,000 is to be disbursed on a per capita basis. The remainder of the million dollar appropriation will be sent to the various counties within the next few days.

The per capita allotment distribution will not materially aid Coast counties, where school teachers have been out on strike because of failure to receive pay warrants.

Hancock county receives only \$720 under the per capita allocation while the county's minimum demands for school aid to end the strike is \$15,000.

The department of education estimates that distribution of the remaining \$750,000 of the school appropriation, of which \$600,000 will be disbursed on "teacher-unit" basis and the remainder through the equalizing fund, will alleviate financial distress of the schools in all the counties.

On Sunday morning, December 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin, many gathered at St. Augustine's Seminary, Bay St. Louis, Miss., to witness the impressive ceremony of ordaining two seminarians to the last two Minor Orders, Exorcist and Acolyte; and six other seminarians to the Clerical Tonsure, by His Excellency the Most Reverend Richard O. Gerow, D. D., Bishop of Natchez.

Bishop Pontificates
Preceding the Mass there was a procession of the clergy and altar boys from the rectory to the beautifully decorated chapel. The Bishop and his attendants entered the sanctuary and His Excellency ascended the throne, which was erected on the right side of the high altar. Here the Bishop vested in his Pontifical robes, in preparation for the Pontifical Mass, which followed immediately.

Ceremonies
During the Mass each candidate was called by the Very Rev. Gerard Esser, S. V. D., Rector of the Seminary, who acted as Archdeacon. After the instruction of His Excellency the ordinands, placing their hands upon the book of exorcism, received the authority and power to expel the evil spirits. This is the Order of Exorcist. Immediately following, the Order of Acolyte, the fourth and last Minor Order of the Church, was bestowed upon them thru the touching of the candles and the cruets. By this Order the candidate for holy orders is led directly into the sanctuary and administers to the priest at the Holy Sacrifice. Those who received the last Minor-Orders were: Clarence Howard, S. V. D., of Norfolk, Va., and Orion Wells, S. V. D., of St. Louis, Mo.

The Bishop also gave six candidates the Tonsure, which consists in cutting some hair from the head in five places, so as to form a cross; in front and in the back, above the right and left ear, and from the crown of the head. They were also invested with the surplice. The custom cutting one's hair is a sign of renouncing the world and dedicating oneself to the service of God. Those who received the Tonsure were: Joseph Bowers, S. V. D. of British West Indies; Walter Bowman, S. V. D., of Washington, D. C.; Carmen Chachere, S. V. D. of Opelousas, La.; John Dauphine, S. V. D. of New Iberia, La.; Leo Woods, S. V. D. of New London, Indiana; John Kise, S. V. D. of Johnstown, Pa.

On this same occasion His Excellency, the Bishop, confirmed James Midgett of Norfolk, Va., who is aspiring for the Brotherhood of the Society of the Divine Word.

FREE LANCE CANDIDATE FOR SUPERVISOR, PASS CHRISTIAN, LOSES OUT

Herman Sellier, Barred From Regular Ticket, Loses by Supreme Court Decision—Publisher E. J. Adam, Incumbent, Re-Elected.

Herman Sellier, Harrison county supervisor of District No. 3 of that county, in which Pass Christian is located, who sought to have his name placed on the ticket in the general elections last November, as an "independent" against the Democratic nominee, has no standing in the courts, the Supreme Court ruled in dismissing his appeal Monday, according to an Associated Press report.

Sellier's petition to have his name placed on the ticket, bearing the signature of 68 voters, had been denied by the county election commission, and the circuit court had refused to intercede. His appeal was dismissed.

E. J. Adam, publisher and supervisor, holds the trust of supervisor from Beat 3, Harrison county. He was qualified, duly nominated and elected. Supervisor Adam's efforts and activities were important factors in assisting to procure the building of the Bay St. Louis county auto bridge.

ATTENDS STATE BOARD MEET

Mrs. A. P. Fournier, State President of the King's Daughters attended a Board meeting on Wednesday, December 11th, in Natchez, Miss., at the Rescue Home of The King's Daughters.

Hancock County Bank Mails Xmas Savings Checks To Club Members

Through its three branch banks at Gulfport, Bay St. Louis and Pass Christian, the Hancock County Bank mailed \$31,672 to 1498 depositors in its Xmas saving club. The fortunate 1498 are those who have made regular weekly deposits to their Christmas savings accounts during 1935. The 1936 Christmas Savings Club began on Monday, December 2nd.

The savings spirit has lost none of its favor with the public. Savings during the twelfth-month period has its own reward at the end of the year. Christmas savings serve for various purposes. Some save to pay taxes, life insurance, to accumulate for a regular savings account, etc.

The banks render the public quite a service, assisting individuals to accumulate sums of money by means of small weekly payments.

It is safe to say the Christmas Savings Club will be as popular the new year as in the past. Already both local banks are receiving for savings for 1936-1936.

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THE NATION IMPROVES

READERS of the Sea Coast Echo have been aware of the steady improvement in the economic condition of the country during the present year. President Roosevelt recently commented on the domestic situation and it might be well to call attention to the items which reflect our national improvement.

Dividends declared in November by 827 corporations were the largest for any month since June, 1931 and the best for the month since 1930. Reflecting increased earnings, these companies paid out \$401,523,897 in dividends as compared with \$347,246,152 in the same month last year.

The New York Times Weekly Index of Business Activity recently advanced to 94.6, compared to 76.9 for the same week last year and is almost up to the top limit of the spurt that was witnessed in the early summer of 1933. It is well above the top limit for the whole of last year and has been moving upward practically the entire year.

Great activity in the automobile industry has followed the introduction of new models in the fall rather than during the first of the year and the Federal Reserve Board reports a "marked and substantial" increase in residential building for the first time since the decline that occurred in 1928. The same source finds industrial production at its highest since 1930, again expecting the early 1933 boomlet.

The manufacturing employment index of the Department of Labor stood at 85.3 for October, the highest since October, 1930, and the payroll index was at 75.1 the highest since March, 1931. Moreover 250,000 workers returned to jobs in private industry in the month. Secretary of Commerce Roper reveals that pre-Christmas buying in principal retail centers is up from five to twenty-five per cent over 1934 and the Department of Agriculture finds that farm incomes are on the upgrade as compared with last year.

HANCOCK COUNTY FAR FROM BANKRUPT

ONLY wishing to give outside opinion, and in fairness to both sides, The Echo reproduces in this issue two editorial expressions on the subject of Hancock county school teachers' strike, one from a kindly and generous neighbor, a most courtly gentleman, and the other from a paper published at Hattiesburg in the interest of teachers and their profession.

Any reproduction from other newspapers on any subject published in these columns does not necessarily express our opinions and convictions. We wish only to be fair and impartial.

Our erudite neighbor says Hancock county is bankrupt. We cannot subscribe to this. This county is well solvent. We are in the midst of an emergency and a little legislation will remedy this. Hancock county is hemmed in by existing State laws which bind it to legal restrictions, technicalities of other years, when conditions then and the present are at variance.

The Echo has every confidence in the stability of Hancock county. In its financial solvency. Its credit is good. And we are glad to abide by this opinion. In our own humble and limited way we are willing to carry Hancock county to the full limit and then some more.

REMOVING BARRIERS OF TRAVEL

OPENING of Mississippi River Bridge at New Orleans December 16 and opening of the La-Miss. Shortcut probably simultaneously, removes the barrier of isolation with which this section of the Mississippi Gulf Coast has repeatedly found cause to complain. This applies especially to final negotiation of the bridge and its use over the Mightiest of Rivers.

New Orleans, too, has complained of isolation. A through avenue of travel from the East to the West, unimpeded, is significant to this entire immediate section of the South. There should be a steady stream of travel. More accessible will be the Coast section and in time a harvest reaped commensurate with the money and skill involved, with the importance of this colossal enterprise, to be known as the Huey P. Long Bridge.

Dedication of this bridge will be an epochal event.

Next summer the President will have a fair idea of what the Republicans think of him and his administration but it will take until next fall for him to get the benefit of their complete thoughts.

An excellent Christmas present (according to our idea) would be to send The Sea Coast Echo to some relative away from home. If he (or she) isn't tickled with the gift, you can get your money back.

The farmers will soon hear a lot about their importance to the country and their duty to feed and clothe the world—it's true, however for the world to see that the farmer and his family have the wherewithal to feed and clothe his outfit in the manner comparable to those in other economic enterprises.

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

ONCE again the people of Hancock county are responding to the spirit of Christmas, a season of joy that is linked with the observance of a precious religious event.

The happiness and cheer that permeates human hearts at this season and makes its presence evident is a product of an unselfish solicitude for the happiness of others and a somewhat spontaneous surge of the spirit of helpfulness.

In Bay St. Louis there are many exhibitions of this commendable interest in other human beings. Baskets of food will be distributed to bring joy into homes where little mouths might otherwise be empty and hundreds of toys will be distributed to bring happiness into the hearts of little children who would otherwise be forgotten by Santa Claus, the great saint of all childhood.

The Sea Coast Echo hopes that all of its readers will participate in the activities that center around Christmas and that they will share the blessings that come with such a good undertaking. Naturally, the children of the community look upon Christmas as a time of receiving gifts, but our adult population should find its greatest joy in the fine art of generous giving.

While most of our churches will celebrate Christmas as the natal day of Jesus Christ and stage some special program to commemorate that event, the spirit of Christmas is broad enough to include people of all religions and to extend even to those who profess to have none. Moreover, real Christmas will find opportunities to give expression to the best teachings of the founder of their faith by exhibiting a spirit of tolerance based upon an abiding love of and for mankind.

Before concluding this discussion of the Christmas season, one's thoughts inevitably turn to the song of "Peace on Earth" associated with the angels of long ago. That the world is far from a realization of this happy augury must be admitted but that a spirit of peace is alive throughout the world is an omen of hope to which the eyes of men and women will learn to dwell on the face of the earth in peace and, as individuals, each of us has an obligation to so conduct ourselves as to bring closer the day when peace shall live in all human hearts.

EDUCATIONAL TRENDS

THE people of Hancock County should be, and are, vitally interested in progress of education, realizing as they do that the future of this section depends upon the type of education our children receive. With this in mind, and without comment, we call attention to some recent educational news items.

From Fayetteville, Arkansas, comes word that the University of Arkansas is seeking to reach youth on the farms by staging a program intended to organize young adults into community junior-adult 4-H Clubs. The county and home demonstration agents will carry out service which is designed to "meet the needs and desires of this large group of young people who have been without opportunity and plans for the future." Fundamentally, the idea is to give the young people a "broad conception of farm and home operations as a whole."

From Iowa City, comes an account of the twenty free ambulances operated by the University of Iowa. This institution provides treatment without cost for the needy and patient delivery is accomplished to and from all parts of the state. The ambulances run on schedule and transport about 2,000 persons a month. The expense of hospitalization and transportation is paid by legislative appropriation.

From Schenectady, New York, comes the story of Union College where President Frank Parker Day, in 1929, inaugurated a policy aimed to get every student into some form of competitive sports. His successor, Dr. Dixon Ryan Fox, has continued the effort and reports that 489 of the 750 undergraduates actively participate in intramural and inter-collegiate athletics. More than twenty different athletic competitions are offered in the intramural program and even the faculty has been encouraged to participate in athletic recreation.

AIR MAIL DEVELOPMENT

THE development of air mail in the United States has speeded the service between points on the routes and, where long distance is involved, some gains are made in mail service from places not on the air line.

However, one often finds that a letter from Bay St. Louis to a point five hundred or even a thousand miles away makes as good time on the trains as through the air.

The gradual expansion of air mail service is to be expected and it may be that the government will someday make no extra charge for use of the air mail. This is not altogether a fantasy because Australia uses airplanes to fly the mails at ordinary letter rates between the capitals of the different states of that commonwealth.

A factor not often included in considering this use of the air mail service is that it could be used for training aviators to be a source of strength in the event of war.

BUYING EARLY PAYS

ONCE again our people are in the midst of Christmas buying and the merchants of this county are vying with each other in attracting shoppers. The Echo has repeatedly urged the people of this county to trade at home and at this time wishes to emphasize the fact that local buyers can secure practically anything they want from the stores here.

Meanwhile, let us again urge all buyers to start early and make their purchases as quickly as convenient. Besides the comfort of being able to shop leisurely and avoid the last-minute rushes, the buyer is assured of a better selection in making his purchases. We feel sure that merchants and their employers will appreciate the early shoppers and will give them special consideration.

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS OF THE MOVIES AND FILM FOLK IN HOLLYWOOD

VIRGINIA WEIDLER, Paramount's child star, will next be seen in "Good for Nothing."

Franchot Tone and Freddie Bartholomew will have the principal roles in Metro's "Captains Courageous" by Rudyard Kipling.

Metro has bought the rights to John Marquand's novel, "No Hero."

Blanche Yurka, having finished her role in "Tale of Two Cities" has gone to New York.

Charles Laughton will have the title role in "Goodbye, Mr. Chips."

The Pathe News camera will photograph the Dionne quintes celebrating their second Christmas.

Fred McMurray has made four pictures without a day's rest and is now working on another.

A whole cycle of bad little girl pictures is starting with Jane With-

ers playing the leads. Bing Crosby once washed cucumbers in a pickle factory.

Particia Ellis saves tin foil. Has almost a closet full.

A score of movie stars are leaving Hollywood on personal appearance tours. Some of these are Jack Laine, Alice Faye, Edward Arnold, Isabel Jewel, Evelyn Brent and Stuart Erwin.

Katherine Hepburn is using seven stand-ins in her new picture.

Bryan Hargraves, 19-year-old grandson of William Jennings Bryan, has signed to stand-in for Donald Woods.

The Jean Harlow four-day diet is designed to take off six pounds.

Selznick says that he has several other roles for Delores Costello after she completes her role of the mother in "Little Lord Fauntleroy."

"YES, VIRGINIA, THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS," IS A CLASSIC BY THE EDITOR OF NEW YORK SUN; LETTER OF 37 YEARS AGO HOLDS GOOD TODAY

This is December. It is the month of Christmas, of Santa Claus, of the season of happiness and goodwill.

It is the month when 37 years ago, little Virginia O'Hanlon, eight years of age and disturbed by skepticism on the part of her playmates, wrote a letter to the editor of the old New York Sun and asked in her simple way, "Is There a Santa Claus?"

Charles A. Dana, then editor of The Sun, was given credit for the editorial that lives. But it is said it was written by an editor of the Sun, Francis P. Church, son of a Boston clergyman. However, the reply has come down through the years as a classic.

Here is Virginia's letter: "Dear Editor: I am 8 years old. 'Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

"Papa says, 'if you see it in the Sun, it's so.' Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

"VIRGINIA O'HANLON," "115 West Ninety-fifth street."

Here is Church's reply: "Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is mere insect, an ant in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in the fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down that would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see the fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural and glory beyond. Is it real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else so real as abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, may ten times ten thousand years from now he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

Practical School Courses

From farming states is reported an "unprecedented" demand for courses to help fit students for successful careers in farming and a similar demand for courses to fit girls for a career as home makers.

Vocational courses in home economics and agriculture are gradually becoming the rule in progressive high schools. Moreover, the trend of public education is developing to the practical side of life with advanced educators insisting that the essential aim of education is to fit boys and girls for the problems of life, including the ability to earn a living, and the art of cooperating properly with the other members of their social group.

The Sea Coast Echo does not intend to criticize the educational authorities of Hancock county but, we are thoroughly in accord with the modern movement in education and while such changes must necessary move slowly, we hope that the schools of this county will be kept in step.

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WHAT THE PRESS IS SAYING OF MEN AND MATTERS IN EDITORIAL EXPRESSION

FAIR AND LOGICAL METHOD OF DISTRIBUTING SCHOOL FUNDS

(Jackson Clarion-Ledger)

SUPERINTENDENT of Education W. F. Bond announces that \$250,000 of the \$1,000,000

"advance" voted the common schools by the legislature will be distributed within a few days. He adds, however that since this \$250,000 is to be distributed on a per capita basis it will not be of much help to the Coast counties, where the school situation is most serious and where a strike by teachers and bus drivers has closed many schools.

Hancock county, for example, will get only about \$720 of the \$250,000.

This is an impressive illustration of the unfairness of this method of distributing school funds, an illustration of how it unjustly favors the counties with a heavy negro population, these usually being richer counties, and unjustly discriminates against counties with predominantly white population, counties in which a large percentage of children of educable age are in the schools.

In the Delta counties, for example, only a fraction of the colored children, outnumbering the white, attend school, but every one is counted in making the total on which the per capita distribution is based.

It is also true that some injustices have been worked by use of the equalizing fund, although this has helped to overcome some of the inequalities and injustices of the per capita system.

We believe that the system tried for the first time this year, the system under which \$600,000 of this special appropriation will be disbursed, is the fairest and most logical yet developed for all counties. It divides the funds in proportion to "teacher units" and "transportation" units.

The number of "teacher units" in a county or separate school district is determined by dividing the average daily pupil attendance by 30, thirty being the maximum number

Want To Avoid "Sudden Death?" Here Are Dont's

Want to avoid sudden death on the highways? An expert says you can provide you. Don't drive if you have epilepsy or poor vision; Don't drive without knowing how; Don't count too much on good luck at the crossroads; Don't assume the other fellow will get out of the way. The expert, Dr. Sidney J. Williams, of the National Safety Council, says 10,000 to 15,000 lives are sacrificed needlessly each year.

of pupils one teacher can teach efficiently.

The number of "transportation units" is determined by dividing the number of children actually transported daily to and from school by 25, the average bus capacity.

Under this plan, a county or separate school district with a heavy average enrollment which means heavy teaching costs, but with comparatively little transportation expense, would share equitably in the funds with the county or separate district with a smaller enrollment but a heavier transportation expense.

It is a just and logical method. The fact that \$600,000 of this \$1,000,000 will be distributed in this manner offers hope to these Coast counties which badly need this immediate aid.

We hope they get it soon.

Retailary tariffs will probably be imposed on German imports on the ground that Nazi money manipulations have either created an export bounty or permitted dumping of German goods abroad.

RIDING ON THE REBEL

(For The Sea Coast Echo)

Riding on the Rebel, Golly, ain't it grand? Mr. Tigrett found it Out in fairy land.

Pretty as a picture, Goodness, how she glides. Like a train in heaven, So the Rebel rides.

Truly till you try it, Vivid words in vain. Paradise awaits you On this wonder-train.

Peak of transportation, Weather to your taste, Crowned with every comfort, Every flaw effaced.

Food for those who hunger, Bridge for beau and belle, Downy beds for slumber, Every service swell.

Tested by tradition, Travel turned to bliss. Riding on the Rebel's Like a lover's kiss.

Books for those who crave them, Nooks for those who write, Not a need neglected Either day or night.

What a charming hostess, Gracious to each guest, What a crew of trainmen, Everybody best.

Riding on the Rebel, Golly, ain't it grand? Mr. Tigrett's turning Life to fairy land.

—DAVID E. GUYTON, Blue Mountain, Miss.

IT'S TRUE!

By Wiley Padan



"IT'S TRUE!" that Harry Raft, producer of "Whispering Willows," was handing vaudeville acts twenty years ago. He opened a new Canadian circuit with the act of Friedman and Lewis. The Friedman was Ted Lewis. At their first stop they found the name wouldn't fit on the marquee, and changed the act to Lewis and Lewis as a result. Hence Ted Friedman became Ted Lewis and has so remained ever since.

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The Sea Coast Echo

City Echoes

—See Miss Welch for Christmas cards. Fresh and new designs. Five cards and envelopes only five cents.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Piccaluga their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Rene of New Orleans were guests of the de Montluzin family, Sunday.

—Mrs. Owen Crawford has returned from Nashville, Tenn., where she spent a short while visiting her mother and the latter's family.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gex, returned from New Orleans Tuesday evening in which city they spent the day visiting at the bedside of their grand daughter, Gaynel Gex.

—Clerk of Courts and Mrs. A. G. Favre spent Tuesday in New Orleans, motoring to and fro, Mr. Favre combining business with a day's recreation from the duties of his office.

—Miss Margaret Blaize, of New Orleans, accompanied her sister, Miss Anna Mae Blaize, member of the bridal party Elliott-Power wedding, is out from New Orleans and visiting for a few days.

—The friends of Miss Regard Planchet will learn with pleasure that under the care of her physician, assisted by a skilled local masseuse, she is recovering from the effects of a serious accident.

—Tourists and others over the Old Spanish Trail, as it passes thru Bay St. Louis at the intersection of the highway bridge will find the Hotel Weston a most acceptable place to stop, either for overnight or for meals. Hotel Weston makes a specialty of this trade as well as the regular business and visitors will find both accommodations and dining room service satisfactory and at moderate prices. Mr. J. C. Baxter, manager, is ever striving to cater to the public and it is noted he is receiving a response to his efforts.

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STANISLAUS FOOTBALL PLAYERS' BANQUET TO BE GIVEN DECEMBER 19

Under Auspices of Mothers' Club of College—Reservations in Order

The Mothers' Club of St. Stanislaus College will hold their annual football banquet on the evening of Thursday, December 19th at seven P. M. It has been decided to make a charge of \$1.00 per person.

This announcement will be the only means of extending an invitation to all interested in attending this banquet, complimentary to the football team, which will be the last brilliant affair at the College before the Christmas holidays.

Those who wish to purchase tickets, see Mrs. Ed. C. Carrere or Brother Alexis.

Local School Rhythm Band to Broadcast Tuesday Afternoon

Station WGCM at Gulfport will feature in a special broadcast next Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock members of the R. W. Taylor School Rhythm Band, in addition to a program of Christmas Carols by the youthful members. The broadcast will last half an hour. Bay St. Louis friends and public in general will tune in at that time. Like other schools of our city we are quite proud of the accomplishments of the Taylor Ward School, thoughtfully given to that section of our city through the efforts and instrumentality of the late Councilman Robert W. Taylor. Mrs. Lena D. Stockstill is principal of the school and instructress of this unusual and unique band.

Dan B. Bordages, Son of Late County Assessor, Passes Away at Orleans

Daniel Butler Bordages, son of the late County Assessor Clem F. Bordages and of Edwina Seals Bordages, passed away at New Orleans, Friday evening, December 6, 1935, at 7:45 o'clock after a long lingering illness.

He was the father of Mrs. Clemmie Larrieu and Daniel Bordages, brother of Mrs. Emile J. Toca, of New Orleans, Miss Daisy Bordages of Bay St. Louis and Edward Bordages, resident of El Paso, Texas. He was a native of Bay St. Louis and generally well known, spending his time partly in New Orleans and Bay St. Louis. A brother, Frank Bordages, passed away a few years ago.

Funeral took place in New Orleans Saturday afternoon, with interment at St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery, in that city.

Deceased was well connected, both on his father's and mother's side, prominent and pioneer families of Hancock county, people of back ground ancestry and representative in the annals of the daily life of Hancock county and Bay St. Louis vicinity.

—Mrs. Joseph Blaize is here from Abbeville, La., for a visit of indefinite period to her parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. K. Gosselin, at the family home in Carroll avenue. Mr. Blaize called away on a water trip for the corporation with which he is connected, Mrs. Blaize took advantage to visit home and friends.

—The regular weekly meeting of the Xnics Sewing Club was held this week at the hospitable home of Mrs. Francis Bopp. Among those present were Mrs. Ralph Rughan, Miss Josie Miller, Mrs. Gilbert Whitworth, Miss Georgia Miller, Mrs. E. Xnics and Mrs. Francis Bopp. Dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. Bopp's lovely younger daughter Rita.

—Feast of the Immaculate Conception was observed Sunday at the church of Our Lady of the Gulf, with special high mass, Rev. Father Patrick Moran officiating. The choir was in charge of Mrs. L. S. Elliott, organist, with Mrs. H. C. Glover as leader soprano, the depth and beauty of her voice heard to advantage on this special occasion. Members of the Italian Society of the Immaculate Conception attended mass in a body, preceded and followed by a parade, Municipal Band discoursing music, and led by honored and prominent citizens, including Mayor G. Y. Blaize, Commissioners W. L. Bourgeois and H. Grady Perkins.

—Friends of the Gex family will learn with marked degree of satisfaction of the convalescence of young Miss Gaynel Gex, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gex, Jr., who was hurriedly taken to Touros Infirmary at New Orleans Sunday morning, accompanied by Dr. Loeber, who advised the patient rushed to New Orleans in order to have access to hospital equipment. By special permission the shortest highway was used, covering the distance in one hour and ten minutes. With an attack of pneumonia no time was to be lost and the immediate use of oxygen came to timely rescue. Gaynel is not only the idol of her parents and of both paternal and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gex, of Bay St. Louis and Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Eldridge, of Abbeville, La., but of the community as well.

—The family reunion for this interesting occasion included Mr. Dan Bourgeois, a son, from Monroe, La., Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bourgeois, of Gulfport; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bourgeois, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Breath, Junior, Miss Abbie Bourgeois and W. L. Bourgeois, Junior.

—Mrs. Bourgeois celebrated her fifty-sixth birthday. She has been and is still an active factor in community work and is a citizen affiliated with all that is calculated for the advancement of our city and its people. She was the winner only a few years ago of the silver cup given by Bay St. Louis Rotary Club as the resident accomplishing the most outstanding achievement for the year. Congratulations and best wishes.

—Christmas will be appropriately celebrated on Wednesday night of next week at The Answer, when members of Bay St. Louis Rotary Club will entertain at a Christmas banquet and the occasion will also be a Ladies' Night. Former Senator John Lumpkin, of Hattiesburg, and district Director PWA, will be the speaker of the evening, Norton Haas and J. E. Bozeman, with C. G. Moreau, chairman program committee, have been appointed a special committee on arrangements. Reservations may be made with R. de Montluzin, Jr., secretary, or with any member of the committee.

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Personal and General

SEASON OF PRE-NUPTIAL EVENTS FOR MISS POWER PRECEDES WEDDING

CLAIMING wide attention and social interest, was the wedding Wednesday evening of Miss Effie Graham Power to Mr. Heidt Douglas Elliott.

Pre-nuptial affairs, complimenting Miss Power were numerous and varied, among the more prominent the group included a "hosiery show" by Mrs. A. B. Vassalli and Mrs. E. J. Arceneaux at the former's home in Washington street Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Carl Marshall entertained at a cocktail party at her home on North Beach Boulevard Friday evening. at about 7:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Weston entertained at a barbecue at their country home in Logtown. Sunday evening Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Horton, entertained at a cocktail party at their beach home, Mrs. Horton assisted by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. George S. Horton.

Monday afternoon Mrs. Kenneth W. Pepperdene was hostess at her home in Citizen street to a handkerchief shower, which, like the other delightful occasions complimenting Miss Power, proved delightful, entertaining members of the bridal party.

Tuesday brought the calendar of events to a close when Mr. and Mrs. Leo W. Seal entertained the bridal party at a buffet supper following the wedding rehearsal at their North Beach Boulevard home. This, too, proved an interesting occasion.

MISS LOUISE CARRERE PARTICIPATING IN N. O. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.

Exceeding popular, Miss Louise Carrere, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Carrere, is dividing the greater part of her time in New Orleans, where the social season with its many beautiful affairs increase in number as the holidays approach with Carnival in the offing. Society, with thirty-five debutants, has an unusually active calendar this year, and Miss Carrere is a participant in the many functions. A number of house guests from the North will share with her in the votaries animating the brief but brilliant season in the Crescent City.

FAMILY REUNION ON OCCASION OF BIRTHDAY OF MRS. W. L. BOURGEOIS.

Mrs. W. L. Bourgeois, wife of City Commissioner Bourgeois and operator and hostess of The Answer, Union street, was agreeably surprised Sunday when members of her family assembled at her home for dinner on the occasion of her birthday.

The family reunion for this interesting occasion included Mr. Dan Bourgeois, a son, from Monroe, La., Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bourgeois, of Gulfport; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bourgeois, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Breath, Junior, Miss Abbie Bourgeois and W. L. Bourgeois, Junior.

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EFFIE GRAHAM POWER BECOMES BRIDE OF HEIDT DOUGLAS ELLIOTT

IN the presence of a large gathering of friends assembled at the Power home, North Beach Boulevard, Miss Effie Graham Power, of Bay St. Louis, and Mr. Heidt Douglas Elliott, of Georgia, were united in the bonds of matrimony, Wednesday at five o'clock.

Assembled in the spacious drawing room, decorated with a profusion of wild smilax and cut poinsettia, the beautiful and impressive ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. E. Gray, pastor of the First Methodist church, using the ritual of the Episcopal faith.

With Mrs. (Dr.) C. L. Horton at the piano and Mr. Rene de Montluzin, Jr., giving expression to the caressing tones of the violin, the bridal party entered to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march.

The bride envisioned all that was lovely. Her youth and beauty accentuated by the enhancement of conventional bridal attire. She wore with regal splendor and lovely grace a creation of white chiffon velvet, princess lines, over which fell the long, ingratiating folds of tulle illusion veil, held in place over her forehead simply and effectively with a narrow band of double row of pearls. A necklace of pearls completed her adornment. Her bouquet was of white gardenias and lilies of the valley.

She was given away by her father, Mr. Lawrence M. Power, on whose arm she was escorted to the place of ceremony.

Mrs. A. B. Vassalli was matron of honor, her beauty enhanced with the loveliness of an attire of American Beauty chiffon velvet, also of princess lines, with long train, and hat to match. Her dress was trimmed with rhinestones. She carried a bouquet of yellow roses.

Miss Anna Mae Blaize, schoolmate of the bride, was unusually pretty in Sapphire blue chiffon velvet, trimmed with silver in striking contrast, and carried a bouquet of pink roses. The princess cut added to the effect of long and graceful lines, with trail.

The bride was immediately preceded by dainty little Miss Betty Jane Vassalli, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Vassalli, dressed in old-fashioned gown of pale blue velvet, and carried an old-fashioned bouquet. Her cap was of the same material, trimmed with delicate and fluffy fur.

Little Miss Virginia Seal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo W. Seal, dressed in turquoise blue velvet, and little Miss Ann Weston in pale pink velvet, with fur-trimmed cap, each carrying old-fashioned bouquets, were ribbon bearers, accompanied by Masters Marshall and Samuel Adams, of New Orleans, and relatives of the groom.

The groom had as his best man, Mr. J. W. Benzer, of Oklahoma, and Mr. A. B. Vassalli attendant and paired with the matron of honor.

A supper course was served during the reception that followed.

Mrs. E. G. Abrahams, grandmother of the bride, occupied a seat of honor near the place of ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott later left for a bridal trip to a fashionable Florida resort and on their return will be at home in their newly-furnished apartment at the Power residence, making Bay St. Louis their home.

Mrs. Elliott's going-away dress was a two-piece red suit, trimmed with gold buttons and accessories to match.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Miss Eunice Alexander, Director of Federal Libraries in thirteen counties of Mississippi, was the guest of the Hancock County Free Library on Tuesday, December the tenth, for an inspection of the library and to attend the December meeting of the Review of the Month Club. Miss Alexander expressed gratifying satisfaction with the way in which the local library is progressing, and stated that she was planning an official stay of a week in Bay St. Louis as soon as it could be arranged.

The current-event number of the club program was presented by Mrs. Leo E. Kenney in a dramatic and effective manner: London and Paris have once more notified Mussolini that he must end the war; Douglas S. Freeman lavished a prodigious amount of research and labor upon the making of his book, R. E. Lee; James Stephens, author of The Crock of Gold, gives to the world the statement, "All perfect ladies should be cats; if they aren't they have lost their femininity"; five-sixths of all the wheels that turn on this earth are in the United States.

The book review given at the meeting was an outline of Colonel James Churchward's Lost Continent of Mu, delivered by Captain Kenneth C. McIntosh of the Supply Corps, United States Navy. Captain McIntosh's past experience as pedagogue and a lecturer, while on duty with the faculty of the United States Naval School of Finance and Supply, made his succinct diagramming of his unusual subject an occasion to be remembered with interest and speculation by such of his listeners as were learned enough to follow him.

Mu was a land of obvious authenticity, if you will take Colonel Churchward's documents for it, that occupied a large area of what is now the Pacific Ocean at least 72,000 years ago. Mammoth gas pockets beneath its surface blew out and it disappeared in a single night, leaving Hawaii, Guam and Fiji and Easter Islands to mark its four corners today. There is sound-seeming proof that the story is indisputable.

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able, but it spoiled at lot of things for us personally. We lived for three years on the island of Guam some twenty-odd years ago, and it seemed a satisfying enough sort of place, with its quiet palm groves, its winding reef, and its magnificent storms coming in every so often and labelled "Typhoon from Yap," in the navy's weather bulletins. Now we've got to think about it as just another mountain top that was peopled by refugees. Another quarrel we had with the lecture was that one, alphabet is enough for us, and we often use the dictionary to see if q comes before r. But to understand about Mu you have to learn Greek and Mayan.

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The management of the Paramount Theater, Gulfport, is proud to announce that he has secured for his patrons an extraordinary, all flesh road attraction, "The Soldiers of Fortune Revue." A splendid musical comedy presentation which is brilliantly staged and comes direct from an extended run at the Paramount Theater in New York.

This revue is alive with new and startling stage ideas. It is a first tempored frenzy of fun.

One of the sparkling features of the show are the "Musical Raywins," mother and son, who will entertain you with a delightful violin number. The son goes to town in a cario. A dance with one of the "lovely girls" in the show which is the same dance seen in the motion picture, "Flying Down to Rio." It is a brilliant and flashing act which received tremendous applause from the audience. The sensation of "Soldiers of Fortune Revue" is Miss Laurie Grey, the sensational acrobatic dancer, a native of Finland, who is one of the cleverest in her line. She will contribute difficult, unbelievable tricks in acrobatic dancing with her hands handcuffed with a pair of police bracelets. You will marvel at her many difficult turns and twists.

A sure fine laugh provoker is Stubby Kenmore, "The Stuttering Comic," who does every difficult dance that is much appreciated by the audience. His peculiar style of delivery is amusing.

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